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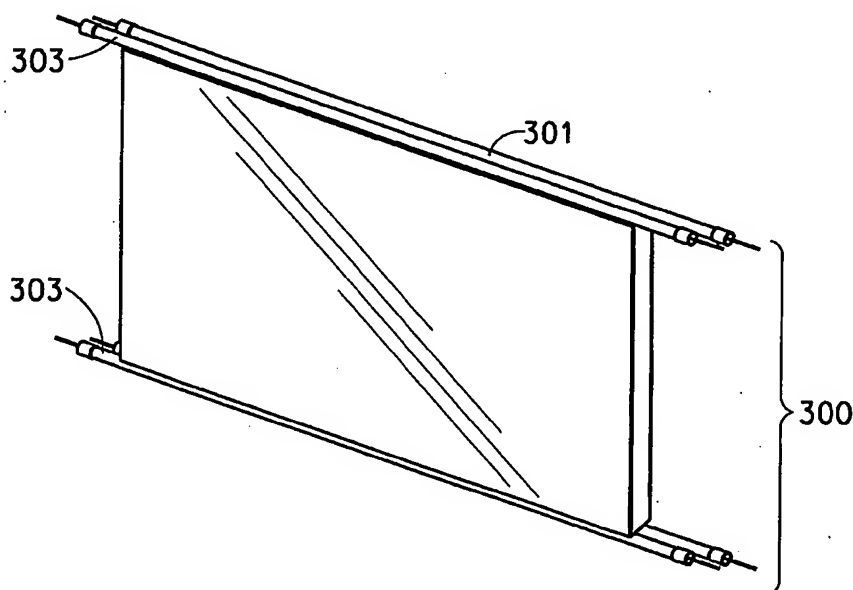
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(54) Title: THERMAL MANAGEMENT OF LAMPS IN A BACKLIGHT SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A backlight system (300) having at least two juxtaposed cold cathode lamps (302) wherein the lamps comprise cathodes at each end and wherein the lamps are positioned in a manner that the cathodes are not touching. The lamps (302) could be longitudinally offset or one of lamps (302) may be shorter than the other lamp(s) resulting in the cathodes not touching.

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